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## SIDKY PREMIER IN CAIRO'S 'CONFRONTATION' CABINET

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter  
Egyptian Deputy Premier and Minister of Industry, Dr. Aziz Sidky, was yesterday officially named as his country's new Prime Minister. Sidky was appointed by President Anwar Sadat as Vice-President, and will revert to his previous post of Adviser for Political Affairs to the President. Sidky has already one Vice-President, Hussein Shafiq.

Sidky's appointment to the Premiership was endorsed yesterday by the policy-making Central Committee of the Arab Socialist Union, Egypt's single political party, at a special meeting presided over by Sadat.

The meeting also approved the appointment of Mr. Sayyed Marai as First Secretary of the Central Committee in place of Mohammed Fawzy, who is being tipped for the Deputy Premiership in the new "confrontation" Cabinet. Marai was Deputy Premier and Minister of Agriculture in the outgoing Cabinet.

Yesterday's appointments indicated that the current government reshuffle was being carried out amid intensive consultations which are still going on. The formation of the cabinet is likely to be completed today, Cairo's semi-official "Al-Ahram" newspaper expected the new government to be sworn in tomorrow.

There was no news of other changes which are likely to affect a number of key members in the

## Lebanese army said taking over control in south

Lebanon's armed forces were yesterday said to have taken up new positions in the southern region of their country amid reports that a number of terrorist bases there were being eliminated. The Beirut press yesterday quoted villagers in southern Lebanon as saying that the Lebanese army was deploying the largest concentrations there since 1967.

The military moves of Lebanon's small army were being attributed in Beirut to a new strategy in confronting Israel, but indications were that they were being made in an effort to control terrorist activity in the region where the Israeli forces were active in three raids last week.

Amman Radio last night quoted the Beirut press as reporting that the Lebanese authorities and the terrorist movement have decided on suspension of terrorist activities in southern Lebanon. The radio added that a number of terrorist bases were now being liquidated there.

UPI reported from Amman in Lebanon, quoting a "ranking" terrorist official, that the terrorists have decided to de-escalate their activities at the Lebanese border with Israel. "In the present circumstances it is wise to cool down," he said. "It is no secret that Israel has serious plans to occupy south Lebanon. We cannot give it a pretext to do so."

The official described himself as the political officer for the Syrian-backed o-Saika organization in Amman. He refused to give his name. Damascus Radio said that Syrian President Hafiz Assad conferred yesterday with Fatah chief Yasser Arafat. They discussed the "current situation in the Middle East," the radio added, with emphasis on the situation in South Lebanon.

The northern frontier remained quiet for the second consecutive 24-hour period yesterday. It is assumed here that the warning delivered on Friday by the new Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf David Elazar, coupled with the three attacks on the terrorist bases last week, had all made the necessary impression and that all concerned were drawing their conclusions.

The course of future developments now depends on the Lebanese army. It is assumed here that the terrorists will not be likely, or able, to keep their renewed pledge to abide by the Cairo agreement (restricting anti-Israel operations inside Lebanon). But even compliance with the Cairo agreement would not free Lebanon from responsibility since Israel has always placed responsibility for acts of terrorism on the country harboring the gangs.

Unless the Lebanese army takes firm measures to remove the gangs away from the frontier now, the possibility of a new series of incidents in the north cannot be excluded.

## U.S. nurse killed in Gaza ambush

GAZA — Arab terrorists ambushed a civilian car outside the Jewish refugee camp here yesterday evening, killing an American nurse and wounding a Baptist minister and his daughter, also Americans. The nurse was Miss Mavis Tate, 40, of Bellingham, Louisiana.

The minister, Edward Nicholas, 46, of Austin, Texas, pastor of the Baptist Hospital here, and the nurse were taken to the Neger Central Hospital. Miss Tate died there later. One of Mr. Nicholas' three daughters, who were all in the car, was slightly wounded but did not require hospitalization.

The army spokesman said patrols immediately fanned out in the area in search of the assailants. Defence Minister Moshe Dayan last night visited Rev. Nicholas at the hospital. (Wanted terrorist — Page 8)

## Catholic visit

Relations with the Vatican are not so close that the Pope's Assistant Secretary of State, Archbishop Giovanni Benelli, does not consider a major diplomatic occasion.

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## Iran military courts to try 120 subversives

TEHRAN (AP). — A Government spokesman said yesterday that 120 members of three subversive groups would soon go on trial before open military courts in Iran.

The spokesman said the three groups were supported by "certain foreign powers" through the neighboring Iraqi regime.

He refused to name any foreign powers but said Iranian security agents "are well aware of their nature."

He told newsmen that one group had contacted the Chinese Embassy in Paris for help and another group had set up a link with the Soviet Embassy in Tehran, but in both cases they had failed to gain any financial support.

The spokesman named the three groups as the "freedom movement," attached to the former national front movement, the Tudeh Party Revolutionary Organization and the

Iran Communist Revolutionary Organization. The latter two followed Communist ideology, he said, and had carried out a series of bank raids as well as trying to kidnap the Shah's nephew Prince Shahram and foreign ambassadors to hold hostages for the release of political prisoners and to meet their other demands.

One terrorist group leader, identified as Nasser Samavati, 30, a former engineer at a Tehran power station, was presented to the newsmen. He said he and three others had failed in an attempt to blow up a power transmission tower during the celebrations marking the 2,500th anniversary of Iran's monarchy last October.

Members of another group also claimed responsibility for an abortive attempt to kidnap the U.S. Ambassador as he was leaving a party last year.

Officials produced arms, including machineguns and grenades which they said, the terrorists had obtained from Iraq for subversive activities in Iran. The spokesman said the first group of 37 terrorists were expected to stand trial within three weeks.

## Ghana military take over supreme power

ACCRA (AP). — Ghana's new military regime published a wide-ranging proclamation yesterday giving it supreme powers to issue decrees and run affairs of state.

The proclamation formally establishes the 10-member National Redemption Council formed by Col. I. K. Acheampong after he toppled the civilian regime of Prime Minister Kwame Nkrumah on Thursday. The Council's membership was increased from nine to ten following the addition on Saturday of another army officer.

The proclamation says the council shall have power to issue decrees which shall have the force of law until "a new constitution is promulgated by the people of Ghana."

The government simultaneously decreed it had taken Mr. Benini's assets and those of his wife, his ministers and his Progress Party.

The proclamation provides for up to three years' imprisonment and fines for anyone found guilty "on summary conviction" of obstructing the military government's will.

"Any person who does any act calculated to cause disaffection against the council, the armed forces or the police shall be liable to fine or imprisonment," it said.

Financial estimates approved for the current financial year, it said, "shall continue and shall have full force and effect until provision is made otherwise by the council."

The proclamation, in effect, gives legal sanction to all decisions Col. Acheampong has already announced. It bans political activity, dissolves parliament, suspends the constitution and removes the president from office.

"Any enactment of law or rule of law in force in Ghana immediately before January 13 shall continue in force, and any such enactment or rule of law may, by decree of the council, be revoked, repealed, amended or suspended."

It gives powers to a commander-in-chief — to be appointed by the council — to dismiss officers of the armed forces and to engage "in operations of defence of Ghana for the preservation of public order" or "for any other purpose appearing to the commander-in-chief to be expedient."

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U.S. Representative James Scheuer gestures during a London press conference yesterday morning after his expulsion from the Soviet Union for allegedly aiding Soviet Jews to emigrate. The Congressman said his expulsion "outrageous and inhuman," but said he hoped it would not hurt the chances for President Nixon's planned trip to Moscow. (AP radiophoto)

## Talks to continue as Malta hints agreement in sight

VALLETTA (Reuter). — Prime Minister Dom Mintoff yesterday prepared for another round of talks with Britain this week on their crisis over use of military bases on the island as the Maltese showed widespread confidence that agreement was near.

The pro-government "Malta News" proclaimed yesterday, "This is Malta's finest hour. It has also been the hour that has established Mr. Mintoff's name among those of the greatest Maltese patriots."

Mr. Mintoff returned to Malta on Saturday night from Rome after talks with British Defence Secretary Lord Carrington and the Secretary-General of Nato, Dr. Joseph Luns.

Thousands of Mr. Mintoff's Labour party followers gave the Premier a hero's welcome, certain that he had triumphed in the Rome negotiations. But the Maltese people are very much in the dark as to what actually transpired in the Rome talks.

Apart from a government statement on Saturday that there was evidence of the possibility of a new agreement on defence facilities, Mr. Mintoff is maintaining a stony silence. Parliament is in recess until the end of this month.

Lord Carrington yesterday reported to British Prime Minister Edward Heath on the Rome discussions, but sources in London are cautious about predicting what the outcome of further Anglo-Maltese negotiations might be as these were now only entering an early stage.

Lord Carrington himself said in a radio interview yesterday that he considered the chances of a settlement to be about fifty-fifty.

The Anglo-Maltese negotiations are expected to resume in Rome on Wednesday, but it is not clear whether Mr. Mintoff will be there. The suggestion is that the next session would be between officials of both governments who would work on the draft of proposals for a revised defence and financial agreement.

The view here, shared by the leader of the island's main trade union, Mr. George Agius, Secretary of the General Workers' Union, is that the basis for agreement on an increased rent for the bases has been found. The chief problem now concerns the terms governing their use by Britain and its Nato allies.

Mr. Agius, whose union is the backbone of the support for Mr. Mintoff, told reporters today, "Everybody is glad that an agreement is in sight."

## Maltese Speaker postpones trip

The Speaker of the Maltese House of Representatives, Mr. Emanuel Attard Bazzina, who was due here yesterday on an official visit, has asked the Foreign Ministry and the Embassy to postpone his visit to a later date.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Mr. Bazzina had explained that pressure of local affairs had made it necessary for him to postpone the trip. No new date has yet been fixed for his trip, but Mr. Bazzina said that he definitely intended to make the visit as soon as possible, the spokesman said.

## 20 said killed in Greek rail crash

ATHENS (AP). — Two trains collided yesterday near Larissa, northern Greece, and first reports said at least 20 persons were killed and more than 60 injured.

One of the trains, the Aeropolis Express, was bound for Munich, and was loaded with Greek workers returning to Germany.

Initial reports were unclear as to how the trains collided. One report reaching here said several cars burst into flames after the rousing collision, trapping passengers inside.

## Papal official's trip 'personal pilgrimage'

ROME (UPI). — Pope Paul's Assistant Secretary of State returned yesterday from an unannounced visit to Israel and said he hoped the Israeli authorities would look properly after the maintenance of Christian Holy Places.

Archbishop Giovanni Benelli told newsmen that his trip was a "personal pilgrimage" marking the eighth anniversary of Pope Paul's visit to the Holy Land. He denied having discussed political problems during what he called a "courtesy call" on Justice Minister Y.S. Shapiro.

"It was a personal pilgrimage I decided to make on the eighth anniversary of His Holiness' visit to the Holy Land," Benelli said of his trip. Benelli said he visited several of the Holy Places and met leaders of various Christian churches, including Greek Orthodox Patriarch Beneditos.

"With all of them I discussed the present situation of the Holy Places and I found all communities are determined to preserve monuments which are still there, after 20 centuries, as testimony of the earthly path of Jesus Christ," he said.

When newsmen asked about the state of preservation of the Holy Places, he replied: "I cannot tell if all these monuments are kept in an ideal state of maintenance and if Israeli authorities are conscientiously taking care of this problem."

In view of the brevity of my trip, I could visit only a few of them. However, I hope so. It should be natural to make it possible for the millions of Christians all over the world to continue to venerate those places which represent the source of our faith."

(Officials in Jerusalem last night would only reiterate that Msgr. Benelli's meeting with Justice Minister Shapiro and senior Justice and Foreign Ministry officials was a courtesy call. It had been known that Msgr. Benelli was due to come, but the purpose of his visit had not been known in advance.)

Msgr. Benelli did not come to negotiate with the Israeli authorities.

## Reporter held by KGB

MOSCOW (AP). — David Bonavia, London "Times" correspondent, and his wife, Judy, were detained by secret police yesterday as they left the apartment of Fyodor Yudin, a prominent Soviet dissident whose home was raided by police on Saturday and searched.

Mr. Bonavia said police warned him, "Do not interfere in our internal affairs and do not return to that address." When the correspondent inquired whether a law had been passed forbidding foreigners from visiting Russians, the policeman repeated his statement. The Bonavias were released after about half an hour.

## Schumann in Tokyo

TOKYO (AP). — French Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann arrived in Tokyo yesterday for a two-day visit that will include talks with Japanese Foreign Minister Takeo Fukuda.

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## Greeks release two held for subversion

ATHENS (UPI). — Phoebus Koureas, a lawyer, and Apostolos Prokris, a journalist, held without trial since November 1970 for participation in resistance organizations against the military-backed regime, were released on Saturday, their allies said yesterday.

## Cato Leuvenberg

At the age of 95 years. The funeral will take place this afternoon, January 17, 1972 (Shevat 1, 5732) at 3 o'clock, from the Daphne Funeral Hall, Tel Aviv for the Holon cemetery.

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- R. Cohen-Hartog, Bloemendaal
- M.H. Wius-Leuvenberg, Petah Tikva
- M.H. Wius, Petah Tikva
- H.S. Hamburg-Leuvenberg, Amsterdam
- H.E. Leuvenberg, Haarlem
- M. Leuvenberg-Hartog, Haarlem
- E. Merrell, Southampton
- S. Merrell-Merrell, Southampton
- A.H. Noorbhof-Leuvenberg, Bloemendaal
- E.F.V.D. Heeden-Leuvenberg, Ramat Hen
- J. Leuvenberg, Herzliya
- D. Leuvenberg-Van Moppes, Herzliya
- I. Lavie, Hazygav
- Y. Lavie-Nishans, Hazygav

## Strike grounds all El Al flights

LOD AIRPORT. — Some 400 El Al maintenance workers yesterday decided a Labour Court restraining order by walking out in a declared 24-hour wildcat strike which forced the airline to cancel its outbound flights.

An El Al spokesman said yesterday that over 100 passengers were able to leave on other airlines, but several hundred others were stranded by yesterday evening. One of the cancelled flights was the daily jumbo to London and New York.

The 400 workers struck in a dispute over fringe benefits which they said had been promised but not received. El Al said the strike was illegal after the District Labour Court had, at the airline's request,

on Friday issued an order restraining the workers from disrupting the regular work schedule.

The financial losses to the company were estimated at IL850,000. Labour Court Judge Ya'acov Yonon yesterday afternoon imposed a IL125 fine on each of seven members of the workers' staff committee after they had failed to appear before him at a meeting called earlier in the day, and again at 8.30 p.m. Instead, the strikers' attorney, Mr. Aharon Hotel-Isahel, appeared, claiming that he had been unable to reach the committee members. He declared that the restraining order would only increase the tension and make the finding of a solution more difficult.

OTICE FINED. Reflecting this argument, Judge Yonon ordered the committee to appear at 9 p.m. Again they did not turn up. Meanwhile, with the cancellation of an El Al flight to Vienna at 9 p.m., the judge imposed an additional IL150 fine, warning that additional fines would be imposed with each flight cancellation. Each of the committee members faces a total of IL850 in fines by this morning, when the strike is scheduled to end.

In a personal letter sent to each of El Al's 4,000 employees, company head Mordechai Ben-Ari said he regretted that for the first time in the company's history a group of employees had "broken the law" and violated a court order.

"Elm" reports El Al will this morning put on extra flights — at 15 minute intervals if possible — to catch up with the backlog.

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**Social and Personal**

The Prime Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, yesterday received California Senator John Tunney. Mr. Tunney toured the Old City of Jerusalem with Mayor Teddy Kollek. He also visited the Tikvahenu Centre in Rome.

Mr. Armand Colle and Mr. Willy Waldack, national president and national secretary, respectively, of the Belgian Liberal Trade Union, yesterday called on Tourism Minister Moshe Kof.

State Representatives Frank Clark and Joseph Vigorito of Pennsylvania yesterday visited the Hadassah Medical Centre in Jerusalem.

The Louis Lipsky Chair in Drama, established in his memory by the World Confederation of General Zionists, was dedicated yesterday at the Hebrew University. The first incumbent is Prof. Arye Sachs. Present at the dedication ceremony were Tourism Minister Moshe Kof, the co-chairman of the Confederation, Dr. Israel Goldstein and Mrs. Rose Halprin; and representatives of the University, led by President Avraham Harman and Rector Jacob Katz.

The Pioneer Women Delegation to the World Zionist Congress includes: Mrs. Esther Zaackier, national president, U.S.; Mrs. Clara Leff, national board member, U.S.; Mrs. Sylvia Snyder, national board member, U.S.; Mrs. Harriet Green, national board member, U.S.; Mrs. Mildred Weiss, national board member, U.S.; Mrs. Rosalie Grad, national board member, U.S.; Mrs. Edith Faller, national board member, U.S.; Mrs. Blanche Fine, national board member, U.S.; Mrs. Rose Kaufman, national board member, U.S.; Dr. Sarah Feder, national board member, U.S.; Miss Ruth Wolfsh, national president, Canada; Mrs. Edith Turpin, national chairman, Britain; Mrs. Rosa Zaguer, national president, Brazil; Mrs. Ruth Reah, national board member, Brazil; Mrs. Fania Galanter, president, Belgium; Mrs. Fanny Kordoner, president of Chana Senesh Group, Argentina.

**IN MEMORIAM**  
 A memorial meeting was held in the Boker yesterday to mark the fourth anniversary of the death of Paula Ben-Gurion. Mr. David Ben-Gurion spoke at the graveside, and the participants included relatives of the family, Knesset Members, Haifa Mayor Friedman and members of the Haifa Municipal Council.

Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Elazar and nine other officers yesterday attended a memorial meeting at the Tichon Hadash school, Tel Aviv, for Rav-Tural Gal Avinon, a former pupil of the school who was killed in a clash with terrorists in the Gaza Strip last month.

# Nepal recognizes Bangla, Aussies next

**HEATMENDU.** — Nepal yesterday recognized Bangla Desh, the fourth close neighbour of the new state and the eighth country to do so. The Himalayan kingdom announced its decision in a statement distributed by Nepal's national news agency.

"It is the Government's earnest hope that the people of Bangla Desh will safeguard their independence with the same zeal and determination with which they won it," the statement said. "The government wish the people and government of Bangla Desh led by their great leader, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, all success."

Meanwhile, official sources in Canberra said the Australian Government had decided to recognize Bangla Desh as soon as possible but hoped to persuade a group of nations to join it in doing so, in order to protect relations with Pakistan.

**PAKISTAN TIES**  
 Nepal also said it wanted to maintain friendly relations with Pakistan and its recognition of Bangla Desh would not affect its ties with Islamabad.

With the Nepalese announcement, Bangla Desh has now been recognized by its four immediate neighbours — India, Bhutan, Burma and Nepal. The other countries which have extended recognition are East Germany, Poland, Bulgaria and Mongolia.

West Germany yesterday regretted the decision of Bangla Desh to recognize Communist-ruled East Germany. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Bangla Desh took this step despite explanations it received from the West German government.

In Dacca, East Germany agreed to collaborate with Bangla Desh in the development of its trade, commerce and technology. A joint communique issued at the end of a one-day official visit by East German Foreign Minister Otto Winzer said East Germany would "provide adequate assistance to Bangla Desh for its reconstruction and for the relief of people uprooted during the freedom struggle."

**FIRST FOREIGNER**  
 Mr. Winzer, who arrived in Dacca Saturday, was the first foreign official of his rank to visit the new state.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Mujib was quoted in a London Sunday newspaper as saying that he would take over West Pakistan if President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto fails to keep Bangla Desh out of the Commonwealth.

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that India was ready to have direct bilateral talks with Pakistan without any preconditions. He was responding to a speech by President Bhutto that he was prepared to start dialogues with India without preconditions.

But Mr. Singh rejected Mr. Bhutto's demand that India should first withdraw its forces from "East Pakistan" and free the Pakistani prisoners of war whom Mr. Bhutto said India was keeping as "hostages." Mr. Singh called this demand "irrelevant" and said "our troops will not stay a day longer than desired by the Bangla Desh government."

**Pakistan seizes 11 more firms**  
**RAWALPINDI (AP).** — The Pakistani government yesterday took over management of another 11 industrial firms, including an oil refinery, and said it planned no further seizures.

Mubashir Hassan, Finance and Development Minister, announced the list in Lahore, raising to 31 the number of firms taken over under the new economic policy of President Z.A. Bhutto.

Hassan also announced the cancellation of licences for five companies planning to assemble motor cars. He said Pakistan was considering prohibiting the assembly of cars in order to concentrate on assembling trucks.

**I.R.A. roundup continued**  
**BELFAST (UPI).** — The British Army continued its roundup of suspected Irish Republican Army members yesterday with nine arrests in the Belfast area, an Army spokesman said.

He said a week of concentrated searches has yielded the detention of more than 200 persons suspected of connections with the outlawed organization.

Troops came under sniper fire yesterday in Belfast and Londonderry, the spokesman said. The soldiers shot back in the Londonderry incident, and no Army casualties were reported.

**Ameria to free 1,500 prisoners**  
**KAMPALA (Reuters).** — President Idi Amin has announced that he will release 1,500 prisoners from Ugandan jails here tomorrow, Radio Uganda reported last night.

**CAIRO (Reuters).** — Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia left here by air yesterday for Sierra Leone after a brief visit to Cairo during which he had talks with Egypt's President Anwar Sadat on the Middle East crisis and bilateral relations.

**RAID.** — Sixty former primary school classmates in Tokyo will hold a long-delayed graduation ceremony next month — nearly 27 years after the original event was cancelled by an American air raid on May 9, 1945.



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## Frazier knocks down rival 5 times

**NEW ORLEANS (AP).** — Joe Frazier knocked down Terry Daniels five times with a "90 per cent" performance on Saturday night and said he planned to defend his world heavyweight championship again within a couple of months.

"I was at about 90 per cent of top performance," Frazier said after he stopped Daniels at 1:47 of the fourth round in his first fight since outpointing Muhammad Ali last March 8.

Daniels, who saw his title dreams vanish as he lay helplessly across the middle strand of the ropes after the fifth knockdown, came out of the fight with his sense of humour intact: "They needed a math major for a referee. He kept counting so much."

Frazier said he wants action again in a couple of months but did not name a possible opponent. However, he did turn to unbeset contender George Foreman at the post-fight interview and said, "I hope to see you soon, big fellow."

**Nicosia clash over union with Greece**  
**NICOSIA (UPI).** — Police fired warning shots and arrested four persons yesterday during a clash with a crowd of Greek Cypriots demonstrating on the 22nd anniversary of a plebiscite calling for union with Greece.

A police spokesman said that during the fighting, the demonstrators burned two Cypriot flags, stoned a police jeep, and tore down pictures of President Archbishop Makarios.

**Volkswagen raises domestic prices**  
**WOLFSBURG, Germany (AP).** — Volkswagenwerk Ag, Europe's largest vehicle producer, announced domestic price increases averaging almost five per cent yesterday.

A Volkswagen spokesman told newsmen the increase of about 4.9 per cent will take effect throughout West Germany today. He added that rising costs — despite stringent economising measures — forced Volkswagen to hike domestic prices.

## U.S., Hanoi jets clash over Laos

**SAIGON (AP).** — One of Hanoi's Mig-21 jet fighters came face to face with two American Phantoms over northern Laos and fired a barrage of air-to-air missiles exploding at its tail, the U.S. Command said yesterday.

The Command also disclosed the eighth so-called "protective reaction" strike inside North Vietnam this year, the latest against a radar-controlled anti-aircraft missile (SAM) site 65 kms. north of the Demilitarized Zone.

As the heightened air action continued for the sixth consecutive day, North Vietnamese and Vietcong forces launched another round of 30 rocket, mortar, sapper and infantry assaults across South Vietnam in a sustained "high point" of activity.

One of the attacks was a coordinated 11-round mortar barrage on the big U.S.-South Vietnamese air base at Cam Ranh Bay, 315 kms. northeast of Saigon, and government infantrymen protecting its perimeter.

No U.S. casualties were reported but seven South Vietnamese soldiers were killed and nine were wounded. No damage to aircraft was reported, but several U.S. vehicles and buildings were damaged. The U.S. Command said it was the first attack on the base since a sapper attack there last August 24.

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**Jordan's Prince Hassan back from Pakistan**  
**AMMAN (UPI).** — Crown Prince Hassan returned home yesterday after a two-day official visit to Pakistan, Amman Radio said.

The Crown Prince held several meetings with President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and conveyed King Hussein's concern over events in the sub-continent, the radio said.

After conferring with Bhutto for three hours in Peshawar on Saturday, the Prince told newsmen: "It is no coincidence that two friendly Moslem countries have been denied of the most fertile parts of their land as a result of war."

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## Indo-Chinese leftists plan summit

**PARIS (UPI).** — North Vietnam and its Indo-Chinese allies have called a summit meeting at an undisclosed location for early February to tighten their "fighting solidarity" on the eve of President Nixon's trip to Peking, Communist diplomatic sources said yesterday.

The purpose of the meeting, the sources indicated, will be to confront President Nixon with a solid political front of the Indo-Chinese leftists as he sits down with Premier Chou En-lai and other Chinese leaders to discuss Asian war and peace issues during his Feb. 21-28 trip.

The meeting — the second such gathering from Hanoi and the Vietcong, the Pathet Lao and Prince Norodom Sihanouk's Cambodian National United Front — will outline new military and political steps of the leftist allies, the source said.

The texts of statements by North Vietnamese Defence Minister Nguyen Van Giap, Prince Sihanouk, and other Indo-Chinese leftist officials, indicated the leftists are planning military attacks for the coming dry season to back their political demands.

The decision of the summit, plus the military move, may be designed to strengthen the Communist negotiating position at Paris peace talks which will go into their fourth year on Wednesday, observers said.

China is expected to play a major backstage role in the new summit parley.

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## Cooks rounded up for Nixon's Peking visit

**By JAMES PRINGLE (Reuters).** — Gourmets among the diplomatic community in Peking, one of the world's gastronomic capitals, were yesterday regarding the forthcoming visit of President Nixon with increasing dismay.

Envoys with a special taste for the excellent Chinese cuisine provided here have watched with growing anxiety the departure of cooks from Peking's leading restaurants in the last few days.

According to the chef at a restaurant serving refined Shanghai delicacies, the cooks are forming a culinary "shock force" at the city's National Minorities Hotel where many Americans including reporters accompanying the Nixon party will stay.

Restaurants serving exquisite lacquered Peking duck, sweet Cantonese food and spicy dishes in the provinces have also been lured to provide the best post service for the American guests.

The process includes a gene sprucing up of the capital's streets with many shopfronts receiving much-needed coats of paint.

"What is so irritating," fumed a diplomat, "is that the cooks probably going through an intensive training programme in Hamburg and chicken in the basket."

However, there has been no decline in the service or excellence of the cuisine at the Peking D Restaurant — known by the local as the "Slick Duck" because it is near Peking's Capital (form Anti-Imperialist) Hospital — other eating places.

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Dr. Ellard Seigler, associate professor of surgery and immunology, and Dr. William Shingleton, professor of surgery, said they believe from their tests that the tuberculosis bacterium vaccine BOG enhances the immune system and augments the body's ability to produce cancer-fighting antibodies.

"The immunization therapy has allowed 18 per cent of the melanoma patients to have regression of disease," said Dr. Seigler. He added, "This form of treatment is the only form of therapy known to date to be effective in bringing about regression in melanoma."

Twenty-two patients in the terminal stages of melanoma were included in the research. Tests on only half of the patients still an "intact" immune system. patients received injections of 1 Then they were placed on a cell separator which isolated collected antibody-producing The cells were additionally slated with cancer cells that been bombarded with X-rays that vent them from dividing once were reintroduced into the 22 patients, 10 of the eight the disease was stabilized. Other four showed complete regression and also evident detectable antibodies.

Dr. Seigler said the clinical significance is not so much "durable and lasting evidence of improvement" in four previous minimal patients. "What is important is the fact that we believe figure can be improved by treatment in the early stages of melanoma," he said.

"We were seeing the worst of melanoma. These patients underwent surgery and the available treatments known to medical science," he said.

## Pope hails virgin martyr

**VALENCIA CITY (Reuters).** — Pope Paul yesterday criticized the desecration in female dress and head as an exemplary figure of a 16th Century martyr who died to preserve her virginity.

Referring to Saint Agnes, he met her end at the age of 12. Pope said he hoped that her day next Friday would be specially celebrated, particularly in Rome.

Addressing pilgrims at his weekly blessing from the balcony of Vatican apartment, the 76-year-old Pope expressed deep pain at the desecration to youthful womanhood. pain was increased, he said, by the licentiousness "in dress, in press and in entertainment which demolishes the reserve due to the highest and most precious values of the human person."

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In deep grief we announce that my dearly beloved husband,  
 our dear father,  
**RABBI HYMAN DOLGIN**  
 was laid to his final rest on Thursday, January 13, 1972,  
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 His bereaved wife, son, and daughters

With great sorrow and anguish we mourn the untimely death of our beloved son, brother and uncle  
**Rabbi Hyman Dolgin**  
 Mrs. DINA DOLGIN, RABBI and  
 Mrs. SIMON DOLGIN and FAMILY, and  
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We are deeply grieved at the death of  
**Rabbi HYMAN DOLGIN**  
 husband of our loyal and devoted friend, Shoshana Dolgin, member of our Israeli Board of Trustees, and extend to her and the family our deepest sympathy on their tragic loss.  
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 and extend our deepest condolences to the family.  
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 at the Herzliya Cemetery.

The unveiling of the tombstone on the Shoshanim after the death of our beloved  
**Dr. ISAAC ALFANDARY**  
 will take place on Wednesday, January 19, 1972 at the Kfar Samir Cemetery, at 3 p.m.  
 Memorial assembly at 8 p.m. at Beit Harvot, 2-Sderot Wingate, Haifa.  
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## Romain Gary film answers drug charges against France

**PARIS (AP).** — Prize-winning French novelist Romain Gary has made a film on the international drug traffic which, he says, is a reply to American accusations against France.

The film, "KILL" starring Jean Seberg, James Mason and Curt Jurgens, is scheduled to have its world premiere on Wednesday in Marseilles, the city which some American drug investigators believe to be the main processing centre for hard drugs smuggled into the U.S.

Mr. Gary won the Prix Goncourt, France's most coveted literary prize, in 1956 for his novel "The Roots of Heaven," describing the massacre of elephants in central Africa. "The Dance of Genjib Coim," another of his well-known works, is about a Jew killed in the Holocaust who haunts his Nazi murderer.

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# Rhodesia pact to pave way for big dam project

**T**HE Cabora Bassa Dam, in western Mozambique, is now well under way and due for completion in 1974. In itself, it is a vast project: not only the largest dam and hydro electric project in Africa, but also the fifth in importance as a source of power in the world — 3,600,000 kilowatts. Furthermore, it is merely a part of a great plan which started in 1887 for the development of the Zambesi Basin, providing not only for power for new industries but also for new irrigation and afforestation schemes which could affect no less than nine countries in southern and central Africa — Angola, Zambia, Zaire (formerly Congo-Kinshasa), south-west Africa, Botswana, Rhodesia, Tanzania, Malawi and, of course, Mozambique. In power alone, the development of the Zambesi Basin, as conceived by the Portuguese, can produce over 50,000 million kilowatts per hour.

The Portuguese are gleeful about the British settlement with Rhodesia, writes FWF correspondent NEIL BRUCE. It means they can now go ahead with the construction of a vital new power line from their Cabora Bassa Dam in Western Mozambique across to Norton, near Salisbury, linking up with the Kariba hydro-electric system, and providing new opportunity for Africa.



Zambia to resist, even with its passionate commitment to the OAU (Organization of African Unity), its opposition to Rhodesia, and to Portuguese control of Angola and Mozambique. And why shouldn't it? Landlocked, Zambia not only ships out its copper through Angola, Mozambique, and Rhodesia (and hence South Africa), it also imports virtually all the machinery and consumer goods it requires by the same routes.

The first stage of the scheme provides for the development of about 85,000 square miles of Mozambique (or about a quarter of the total area of this "Overseas Province" of Portugal, with a population of one and a half million people) and for a power line to the Apollonia station near Johannesburg in South Africa, due to start production in 1975.

But the new excitement in Portugal stems from the British-Rhodesian agreement. Already five further dams for water control are planned for the Mozambique section of the Zambesi River; now, with the open co-operation of Britain and Rhodesia, the Portuguese can go ahead with the construction of a power line from Cabora Bassa to Norton near Salisbury, which will link up with the Kariba hydro-electric system. And Lake Kariba, of course, is on the borders of Rhodesia and Zambia, and the two countries share the power its dam provided by one of those many private and deliberately unpublished agreements between the two countries. Already, in fact, Zambia has come to a private agreement with Rhodesia for further development of Kariba power. The potential involved in this new link-up is surely too big for

## Hospital ship leaves Vietnam after 5 years

**D**ANANG (AP). — SCARRED by rocket fragments, the West German hospital ship, Helgoland, is leaving South Vietnam after five years of humanitarian service.

The snow-white vessel, marked with large red crosses, will sail this week from her familiar mooring place in the Danang River, to return to her former task of ferrying passengers between Hamburg and the island of Helgoland in the North Sea. She takes with her the gratitude of 168,800 civilian war victims treated in her special wards and dockside outpatient clinics.

Captain Rolf Pinnow and his crew of 23 officers and seamen will receive reassignment to other ships of the West German merchant fleet.

"It is always sad to leave a ship, like leaving a woman," said Pinnow, who volunteered to take over the hospital ship 10 months ago. "Women and ships need a lot of time to look well, and both need a real man to lead them."

The West German Government, with help from donations, supported the enterprise.

The Helgoland arrived in Vietnam in 1966, docking at Saigon for nine months before moving to Da-

nang. Since then its 180 hospital beds have always been occupied, sometimes by two patients per bed. "We have never turned away any one," says a medical assistant. "Although we only treat civilians, we have also provided emergency aid for soldiers on occasion."

The ship's statistics reported to the ship's statistician reported 11,100 cases of surgery. The dockside outpatient clinic, staffed by two of the ship's doctors has treated 187,500 persons.

The Helgoland was equipped for all types of surgery except brain and heart operations. The vessel's six surgeons averaged 300 operations per month, most of them civilian war casualties suffering from burns, gunshot and fragmentation wounds caused by Vietcong booby traps.

The ship has never had more than 15 patients in the 21 months. It has had a succession of 268 doctors and nurses, who volunteered for six-month contracts with the option of extending for six months more. All were limited to one year's duty in the war zone.

The Germans are well-liked by the Vietnamese. Some members of the crew have been robbed and beaten up in downtown Danang, but they attribute this to the fact that they are sometimes mistaken for Americans.



Some of the 300 prison inmates who mutinied at Nancy, France, on Saturday, stand on the roof after having thrown tiles and bricks down on the armed prison guards in the courtyard below. They were subdued by police later in the day. (AP radiophoto)

## Margrethe prepared for throne

**C**OPENHAGEN. — DENMARK'S first reigning queen in six centuries, Queen Margrethe II, speaks five languages, is a gifted designer and is knowledgeable about such things as law, relations, archaeology and judo.

At 31, Margrethe Alexandrine is the oldest throne as the second King Frederik's daughters to become a queen. Her younger sister, Queen Marie, is the exiled Queen of Greece.

Margrethe's proclamation as Margrethe II resolves a tricky problem dynastic protocol. Her 14th-century predecessor of the same name acted as regent for a son and completed her reign as "guardian of the realm," but was never crowned.

## Hughes wants body frozen after death

**N**EW YORK (Reuter). — MULTI-millionaire recluse Howard Hughes has a phobia about germs and plans to have himself frozen immediately after death in the belief of future revival, according to an article appearing in the current "Ladies Home Journal."

Excerpts from the "autobiography," said to have been authorized by Hughes, entitled "My Life and Opinions" appear in the magazine. The book was edited by Robert Eaton, and allegedly put together from interviews over a 13-year period and a few notes from Hughes himself.

Eaton's revelations follow a great deal of publicity over a book claiming to be a Hughes' autobiography, which was put together by Clifford Irving and is to be published by "Life" magazine and McGraw-Hill.

A Nevada literary company claiming exclusive rights to publish the Hughes autobiography on Friday gained a temporary restraining order against "Ladies Home Journal" barring publication of the articles. But the order was lifted by a federal judge on Saturday.

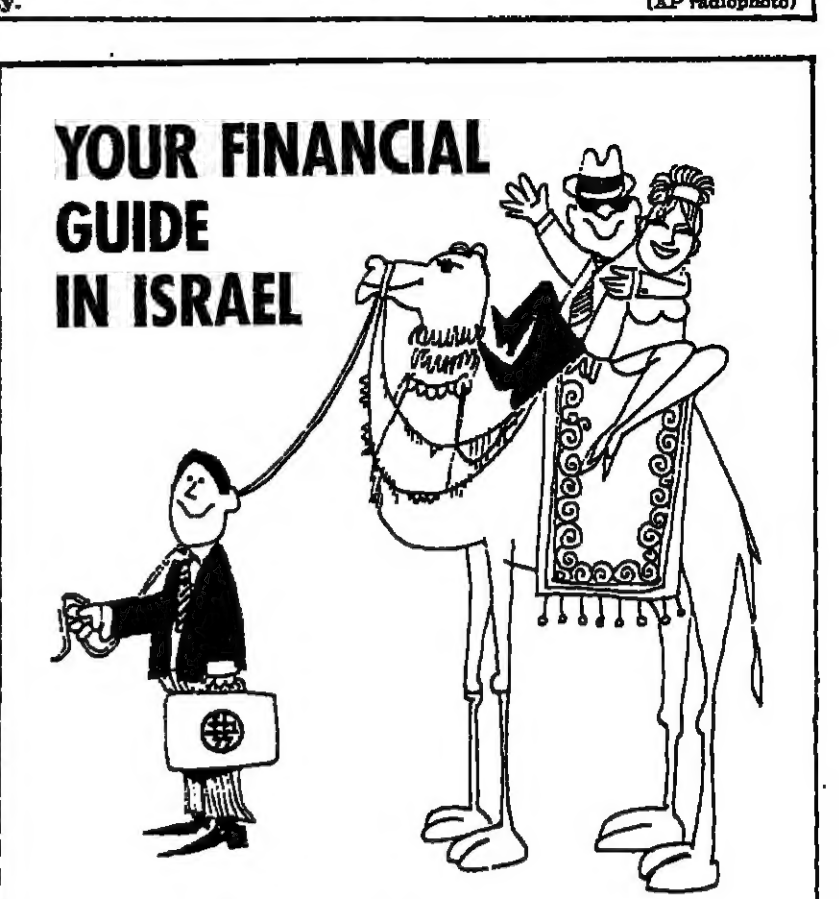
About Hughes' solitary ways, Eaton said: "Howard explained to me that as far as being mysterious and eccentric, he thinks it is his right to maintain his privacy at whatever cost he is willing to pay and to live in any manner he chooses without the advice and consent of others."

"Because I am wealthy," Howard said, "does not mean that I have to behave as others believe a wealthy man ought to behave." Eaton said.

During the press conference, the Hughes voice denied any undue fear of germs, but Eaton said of a visit to Hughes' Desert Inn penthouse in Las Vegas, "Howard's germ phobia had progressed so far that visitors had to be sterilized before they could be admitted to his presence."

Of the freezing after death, Eaton says, "Howard's studies of cryogenics have told him that the lapse of time between death and freeze-down must be as short as possible. This means that the equipment and the capsule in which his body will be kept must be near at hand, and that trusted and capable technicians must be readily available."

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## Netivei Neft inquiry—8th week

# THE MISSING \$97,698

By HIRSH GOODMAN and DAVID LANDAU  
Jerusalem Post Reporters

NEW question came to the Witkon Commission's attention at the Neftei Neft hearing yesterday: What happened to the \$97,698 that Motti Friedman's oil company, Continental, owed Neftei Neft, the foreign oil company which bought Continental from him in 1967?

This additional complication to a already complicated Neftei Neft affair was what took up most of yesterday morning's proceedings. State Attorney Gavriel Bach and David Neft's counsel, Ram Meron, examined Midbar director Yehuda Meron.

According to Mr. Bach, Continental owed Midbar \$97,698 for services it carried out after Continental was sold to Midbar in 1969. Apparently Midbar was a respecting company and used all the money to do its drilling for a period of eight months, until the other Drilling and Servicing Company was set up to do the actual work — with the machinery which had been bought from Mr. Friedman.

**Private negotiations**

Mr. Meron told Mr. Bach that Midbar had decided to file the claim for \$97,698 following private negotiations between a Midbar director, Jim Tocker, and Mr. Friedman. He (Mr. Meron) for one was informed about why the company decided to drop its claim for money, nor was Jim Oaks, a director of Midbar's parent company — International Resources Ltd. — aware why Mr. Friedman had advised that Mr. Friedman — or Continental — not be asked to make good the debt.

Mr. Meron explained that "by chance" the accountant who had been appointed by Mr. Friedman to liquidate Continental was same man who had been appointed to handle Midbar's books in Israel. The accountant, Leslie Schmidt, who represented both, kept the money in Continental's accounts until its fate was decided. Mr. Meron said that the decision was decided upon in December, 1971 — a few weeks after Witkon Commission began its inquiry when Goldschmidt transferred the \$97,698 to an Israeli bank in the form of a donation to the Ministry of Defense.

On further questioning the following version of what happened emerged: Midbar had undertaken to make a donation of \$150,000 to the Ministry of Defense for the construction of a certain airfield, forwarding \$50,000 on the spot and promising to complete payment at some future date. But in the meantime — in May, 1970 — Midbar had to stop operations (for reasons yet unclear), and backed down on its promised donation. Then, 18 months later, Mr. Goldschmidt, forwarded approximately IL500,000 to the Ministry as the rest of the donation.

**Unable to answer**

Mr. Meron said he did not know what had happened to the money for the three years before it got to the Defense Ministry. Nor did he know if interest had been paid and to whom. Other questions Mr. Meron was unable to answer were why the donation was made after the Commission started its inquiry, and where Mr. Goldschmidt had banked the money.

Mr. Caspi said that the "missing \$97,698" in fact constituted a bribe to Mr. Friedman by Midbar — "over and above the \$700,000 the company paid Mr. Friedman for his equipment." Midbar, Mr. Caspi has asserted earlier in the hearing, would have good reason to "keep Mr. Friedman happy," since Mr. Friedman was the Government representative with whom they had to negotiate and the man, together with Deputy Finance Minister Zvi Dinstein, was responsible for all oil operations in Sinai.

Mr. Meron said that although he did not know for a fact, he was of the opinion that Mr. Friedman had held back the \$97,698 from Midbar in order to ensure that the Ministry of Defense would get the money promised to it by Midbar.

This does still not explain why the payment was only made three years later, nor does it explain why the payment was only made after Neftei Neft and Mr. Friedman became the subject of a full-scale inquiry. The Commission will have to await Mr. Goldschmidt's testimony before establishing the sequence of events and their reasons.

Another interesting point which was brought out yesterday morning was that Mr. Friedman transferred the cheque with which Midbar paid him for Continental's equipment. It appears that Mr. Friedman, as the Government's representative,

had the right to countersign all cheques for the first \$3m. of Midbar's expenses in Israel. One of these was for \$200,000 paid to him, on account, for the \$700,000 Midbar had agreed to pay for his machinery. Mr. Friedman was given the power to countersign the cheques in order to make sure Midbar kept its expenses as low as possible, for in the advent of the company finding oil the Government would have had to compensate the foreign company for 50 per cent of its expenses in return for 50 per cent of the oil revenues.

This arrangement makes the price Midbar paid for Continental of special interest. It was not a routine business dealing, where the seller tries to get the highest price; Mr. Friedman was not only the seller, but also acted for the buyer.

Midbar's decision to write off the \$100,000 debt owed to it by Mr. Friedman must also be seen in this same light.

Mr. Meron's evidence was cut short yesterday, as he had to attend a funeral in the afternoon. No doubt many of these outstanding questions will be cleared up today, when he is questioned by Mr. Erwin Shimon (for Dr. Dinstein) and Mr. Ya'acov Salomon, appearing for Mr. Friedman.

More evidence about the Continental-Midbar deal was advanced to the Commission in the afternoon, when Midbar's former administrative manager, Mr. Eitan Agmon, took the witness stand.

Mr. Agmon joined the firm in December, 1968, when it was still a very small outfit — and was thus in charge of virtually all administrative and accounting affairs. The firm's cheque-book was kept in his possession. One day in February, 1969, a Midbar director named Borman asked Mr. Agmon for the cheque-book, and returned it to him later with one cheque missing. Agmon asked about the missing cheque, but Borman said he need not know about it. Eventually, Borman wrote on the stub "\$200,000," but did not reveal the name of the recipient.

Only months later, Mr. Agmon said, did Midbar start learn of the purchase of Continental.

Mr. Agmon added that the various Midbar directors from the U.S. (there was what he termed a "rapid turnover" in directors coming and going from the States) had treated the Midbar-Continental deal as "something of a joke." One of them,

David Jacoby, said openly that he "could not understand how the company had paid that price for that junk."

Both Mr. Kirsch, the Deputy State-Attorney, and Mr. Caspi pressed the witness on the relationship between Midbar and Continental in the months immediately following the deal. Wells were sunk at Gurim 1 in March. Such in June and Gurim 11 in February through May by Continental — despite the fact that the company had formally ceased to exist. Mr. Agmon confirmed this, adding that he vaguely remembered the existence of a contract between Midbar and Continental for the Gurim 1 shaft. The money who did the drilling were certainly not on Midbar's payroll, he said. But Justice Witkon was not over-impressed by the weight of this point. Companies which had formally ceased to exist often continue operations under their own name for some time, he pointed out, citing the current example of Agudat Israel Bank.

**Harmony with whom?**

Mr. Caspi sought to show from the method of Mr. Agmon's appointment at Midbar how great was the dependence of that company on Mr. Friedman. Agmon had to be interviewed by Friedman before Midbar took him on. And some time after his appointment he was "carpeted" by Mr. Friedman (the offices of Midbar and Neftei Neft were in the same building) for "not working in harmony."

"In harmony with whom?" the Commission-members asked (Mr. Friedman was not a director of Midbar). "With Neftei Neft," was the reply. Mr. Agmon said Neftei Neft had persistently and systematically billed Midbar twice for services and accounts outstanding, and when he objected to this he was warned by Mr. Friedman. He added, however, that the accounts were eventually set straight after his objections.

A third witness yesterday was Midbar storeman Shraga Ostrofsky. He told the earlier Ben-Ze'ev inquiry that the state of Midbar's and Neftei Neft's store records were "a great big mess" — and he reiterated this opinion to the Commission.

Mr. Ostrofsky said — and this was corroborated by Mr. Agmon — that once Midbar ceased drilling and began to sell off its equipment, its best customer was Neftei Neft.

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Israel's Sephardic community has realized the need for organization and for greater participation in Israel's national life, says SOL A. SERUYA, in this article discussing the reasons for the current Sephardi Assembly in Jerusalem. Mr. Seruya, a former Minister in Gibraltar's Government, is the Vice-President of the Council of the Sephardi Community in Jerusalem, a member of the Israel Executive of the World Sephardi Federation, and is a director of Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal.



SOL A. SERUYA

# 'Urgent need for Sephardi political party'

THE assembly of the World Sephardi Federation which opened yesterday at Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'Ooma reflects a re-awakening among the Sephardim who increasingly are becoming aware of an urgent need to organize themselves. It is extraordinary that despite the fact that 57 per cent of Israel's population is of Sephardic or Mizrahi background, their problems have failed to find an effective champion in any of the existing parties. The opposition parties have failed to support Sephardi issues or even to exploit their vote-catching potential. The Labour Party continues to ignore the urgency of the problem, and although it has so far benefited from the Opposition's failure to exploit the situation, it stands to lose more than anyone else if an important section of the working class is alienated or defects to another political organization.

The need for organization and greater participation in the national life of Israel has made politically conscious Sephardim consider three alternatives for future action:

- The creation of a Sephardi Party.
- This opinion is held by certain Sephardi leaders of long experience who feel that there is no hope of working through the established parties and that a breakthrough is impossible without organized political power.
- Building a new national party of

social reform with strong Sephardi flavour and support. The supporters of such a national movement despair of influencing the Establishment in any other way, and would like to muster Ashkenazi as well as Sephardi support in a new party.

Working with the existing parties and particularly the Labour Party. There are those who feel the parties are still capable of giving an answer to the problem of social reform and adequate Sephardi representation in the nation.

The Sephardi Assembly is a pre-conference meeting of Sephardi delegates and representatives from Israel and abroad who will be attending the 28th Zionist Congress. It gives an opportunity to the Israel Executive of the World Sephardi Federation and its President, Mr. Elie Nahmias, the organizers of the Assembly, to brief delegates to the Zionist Congress about the pressing social and economic problems confronting a large segment of the Israel population.

The World Sephardi Federation is aware that the Sephardim have only themselves to blame for their lack of organization, and recently representatives of organizations in Israel of immigrants from France, Syria, Libya, Egypt, Bulgaria, Turkey, Boukhara, India, Iraq, North Africa, Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Iran, Greece and Yugoslavia have met in Tel Aviv under the chair-

manship of Minister Shlomo Hillel, in order to form an umbrella organization of Sephardi communities. Mr. Hillel and Mr. Victor Shemtov, Minister of Health, both active members of the Sephardi Federation, and Mr. Elie Nahmias, President of the World Sephardi Federation, are participating in the Assembly.

The problems of the Sephardim in Israel are not likely to find a ready answer. They are very complex and require the allocation of financial and human resources which are in short supply. Fuller Sephardi representation in the life of the nation would also mean a greater sharing of public positions in the State.

Mr. Pinhas Sapir, the Minister of Finance, is right when he says that Israel must fly four flags — defence, immigration, social reform and economic development. What worries many Sephardim is that the flag of social reform has been at half-mast for too long; there is little indication of a clear national plan that will bring a breakthrough in reasonable time.

Statesmanship, however, is not only required from the Establishment, The Sephardi leadership itself has so far failed to organize properly in order to command respect from a position of strength. It is not easy to exercise pressure support, major education and housing policies in the present atmosphere of defence needs and increasing expenditure to meet the new wave of immigration from the Soviet Union. But to delay is to court serious trouble in the not too distant future.

the management. After a good many people had fallen over it, some dirty rags were tied to it in the middle to make it more visible. The chain is fastened to a post set in the middle of the pavement, leaving the customer a narrow space to squeeze through between it and the wooden barrier to prevent you falling into the deep excavation just beyond. Two steps on some iron bars stick out of the wood and catch most of the unwary. Never mind, the management have the chain lowered to drive in.

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# RUSSIA'S CAPTIVE WIVES

By Leonard Schroeter

NEW weapons are constantly being sharpened in the Russian Jews' continuing struggle to secure their right to leave the Soviet Union.

One of the newest weapons is the resort to the International Court of Justice at the Hague under the mandatory jurisdiction provisions of the Convention on the Nationality of Married Women. This is revealed in a well-documented petition by Michael Epelman, a Russian Jew now teaching mathematics at Beer Sheva's University of the Negev, who prepared the document on behalf of his wife, Polina Epelman, and his 8-year-old daughter, Julia, who have both been persistently refused permission to go to Israel from Leningrad, despite the fact that they are Israeli citizens.

Epelman's petition, which is addressed to Soviet functionaries, the U.N. Israeli leaders and important leaders of the Western democratic countries, gives the facts concerning the holding of his family as hostages, and the legal basis for his claim. The problem arose, Epelman explains, when he left the U.S.S.R. without permission in February, 1971, "in order to escape living in a society where it was not possible for me to live any more as a Jew. I could not find another week in a country whose Government blindly supported (Arab) regimes seeking to destroy my people." He did not tell his wife because he "did not wish to make her an accomplice" to his escape.

Polina Epelman, head of the pharmacy department at a Leningrad hospital, tried to join her husband when she heard he was in Israel, and a "oyvov" (formal invitation to settle in Israel) was sent to her, but she met strong resistance at every step. Her husband was accused of being a traitor and of being insane; she was pressured to divorce him; the KGB harassed her and on one occasion took her from the flat of Michael Epelman's father.

Her many applications for an exit visa were rejected, and all her appeals to Soviet leaders were fruitless. No formal statement of reasons was ever given, but she was orally told several times that she and Julia would not be allowed to leave because Michael had left the country without authorization. Her insistence that this was illegal, a punishment directed at her and their child for acts they had not committed, did not avail.

Early in September, Polina wrote to President Shazar requesting Israeli citizenship, but there was no answer. On Sept. 24, 1971, Epelman filed a formal application for Israeli citizenship on behalf of his wife and child, and on Oct. 25 the Minister of Interior granted them citizenship.

Meanwhile, Polina has utilized every possible avenue. To her husband, she wrote: "No refusals and delays will stop me. To fight, fight and fight for my legitimate rights — this is what my life consists of now. Michael! Do everything you can to liberate me and Julia."

Epelman did. After all other steps had failed, he prepared and filed his petition, but Polina has been told that the Soviet authorities have again rejected it and the U.N. has sent its usual letter that the petition would be referred for study to the U.N. Commission on Human Rights. Since it is clear that the Soviet Union is violating both the right to leave (Article 13) and the right to change nationality (Article 15) provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Epelman is now invoking the Convention on the Nationality of Married Women, ratified by both the Soviet Union and Israel.

This Convention, whose purpose is "to promote universal respect for the human rights of married women," was designed to "give effect to the principle laid down in Article 15 of the Universal Declara-



Polina and Julia Epelman, the wife and eight-year-old daughter of Russian immigrant Michael Epelman, in a recent photograph sent to Epelman, who now teaches at the University of the Negev. Epelman has appealed to the International Court of Justice at The Hague, to secure their release under the provisions of the International Convention on the Nationality of Married Women.

tion of Human Rights by safeguarding the free will of the wife." To implement these purposes the contracting states agreed in Article 10 that:

"Any dispute which may arise between any two or more contracting states concerning the interpretation or application of the present Convention, which is not settled by negotiation, shall, at the request of any one of the parties to the dispute, be referred to the International Court of Justice for decision."

The Soviet Union, in ratifying the Convention, made no reservations concerning Article 10, as did some ratifying states, thus accepting the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court.

The only previously known invocation of the Convention was in a case brought in a Moscow People's Court in February, 1970, on behalf of Dora Kolladitskaya, who first applied for an exit visa to Israel in March, 1969. Her husband, from whom she had been separated for many years, lived in Haifa. After persistent refusals she filed her case citing her rights under the Convention "to acquire the citizenship of her husband." Although the Soviet Court rejected her claim, she was granted an exit visa soon after and today lives in Haifa. Historically, the Soviet Union has been extremely difficult about permitting its citizens to leave, even though married to husbands of a different citizenship. In the early 1950s, the U.S. complained to the U.N. about this violation of human rights in the well-known "Russian Wives Cases." These events, among others, led to the Convention on the Nationality of Married Women.

The Soviet Union has been even harsher in its attitudes toward those who escape from the country. Even an attempt to escape can be viewed as an act of treason punishable by death, as the first Leningrad trial

responsibility for family members is anathema to any civilized legal system, yet it is precisely this attitude which is involved in the illegal efforts to hold the Epelman family as hostages in punishment for Michael's repatriation to Israel.

The Epelman case is not the only one of its kind. Victor Yoran (formerly Apartev), the internationally known cellist, who fled from the Soviet Union to Israel in November, 1969, has an almost identical story. His wife, Stella Goldberg, a concert pianist, and their three-year-old son Alexander, have been consistently refused permission to leave Moscow to rejoin Yoran. Stella Goldberg has also applied on numerous occasions, to be refused on the illegal grounds that her husband is a traitor. She and her son were granted Israel citizenship after a formal application to the Minister of the Interior and the renunciation of her Soviet citizenship. Yoran secured outside assistance while in England and the U.S. on concert tours. Violent Yehudi Menuhin interceded directly with Soviet authorities in Moscow on behalf of Yoran's wife and child, but he reported that his interventions met "a brick wall."

It took Rita Gusman's testimony before a subcommittee of the U.S. Congress to obtain the release of her husband, Isaacov. This was a simple case of reunion of a husband with his wife and child. What will be required for the Epelmans, the Yorans and others? Israel has granted citizenship to these families under the Nationality Amendment Law passed last May. Both Israel and the Soviet Union have agreed that the rights of married women to claim the nationality of their husbands are subject to the compulsory jurisdictions of the World Court. Israel thus has a duty to bring such a case on behalf of its citizens. Will it take litigation before the tribunal to release these families? The idea of collective criminal Michael Epelman does not know.

## KEEPING POSTED

SOVIET propaganda has reacted sharply against Henry Kissinger for his efforts to bring China and the U.S. closer together, leaving the U.S.S.R. out in the cold. The simplest weapon to hand is anti-Semitism. Writing in "Belarus" last October, a certain Vladimir Blagun compares Kissinger to Rasputin, the loose monk who reputedly dominated Czar Nikolai through his personal relations with the Czarina. The suggestion made is that the Political Adviser to President Nixon exercises a similar influence. But Rasputin, the author of the pamphlet maintains, was simply a

actly 69 per cent of America's scientists. Henry Arthur Kissinger, a Bavarian Jew, has "full charge of the Intelligence at the Pentagon." It is Kissinger who is responsible for allocations of money to Meir Kahane, Phantoms to Dayan and "diplomatic serenades of Uncle Sam for Golda Meir." Those who want to see President Nixon have first to "pass through the 'torture' of Kissinger's office. Kissinger is more convenient than "Grisha" Rasputin because he is always available "at the pressure of a button and there is no need to look for him in all the Petersburg wine cellars."



tool in the hands of his Jewish secretary Aron Simanovich who, in turn, "acted according to a programme outlined by Ginsburg, Varslavski, Slesberg, Brodski, Shalit, Gurevich, Mendel and Follskov, a whole gang of Zionists." The idea was to influence the government with the help of undercover agents introduced into the Court.

The "Zionist plot" in America is traced by the Belorussian author to Washington, where the "Jewish Defence League" is described as all-powerful in the State Department. The leadership of the "League" is ascribed to Moshe Dayan; only later in the same paragraph does the name of Meir Kahane appear. The "Zionists" make up 43 per cent of the industrial magnates in the United States, 70 per cent of American lawyers are "Zionists," who also form ex-

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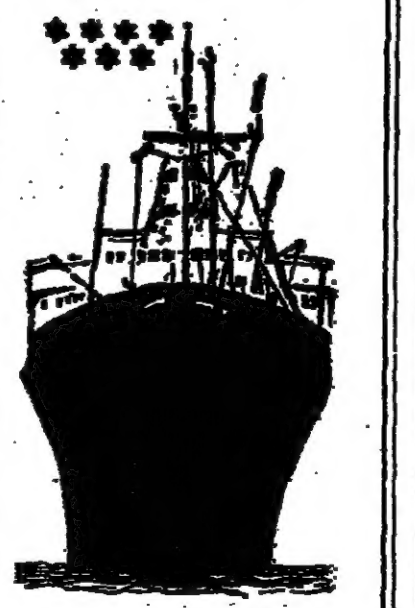
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# Canada and Israel: an expanding trade

THEIR recent visit to Israel of Jean-Luc Pepin, the Canadian Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce is expected to open a new page in the trade relations between the two countries. But the fact is that commerce has been expanding anyway.

Since 1967 the volume of Canada-Israel trade more than doubled. In the current year it is expected to reach \$35m. In contrast to our trade with most other countries, the trade with Canada is more or less balanced. The mutual trade prospects are now very favourable, owing to the recent realignment of exchange rates which has made European products more expensive in terms of both the Canadian dollar and the Israeli pound. On the other hand, Canadian steel or equipment has thus been relatively cheapened here,

while Israeli fashion goods or glass have gained a competitive edge in Canada. Purchases in Canada will be also facilitated by the \$100m. revolving credit put at Israel's disposal by the Canadian Export Development Corporation, the use of which is expected to be decided upon shortly. A number of projects have been suggested and discussed by the ministers concerned, and talks are continuing with the Canadian embassy here, but no final programme has been adopted as yet. It has been reported that the programme may include equipment for the Lod Air-ports, telecommunication equipment, construction and hotel implements. Last-minute changes may take place, and part of the credit line is still free for essential orders from private or public sources.

### BUSINESS COMMENT

By Dr. Moshe Atar  
Jerusalem Post Business Editor

Nor have the exact terms of the credit been fixed as yet; they ultimately depend on the kind of goods to be ordered, so that the credit will include loans ranging from short to long term. The administration of the loans eventually granted — at least the smaller ones — will be entrusted to the Industrial Development Bank. The Canadians are known to be interested in using the opportunity for promoting sales of prefabricated housing elements and of construction techniques, which are highly developed in Canada, and which Israel urgently needs. They

feel that particularly good prospects exist for wide use of Canadian structural steel by the Israeli building industry — to which end joint ventures, introducing the required construction methods, eventually could be set up. As a matter of fact, a number of Canadian companies are already operating in Israel either through their subsidiaries or in partnership with local interests. They engage in retail trade (Supersol), various industries (fabric printing by Karnat, colour film processing, jewellery, production of the Sabra liqueur, egg processing), hotels (Four Seasons) and residential development (Canada-Israel Development, Camdev). More investment projects are reported to be under way, including a major hotel by Canadian Pacific Air.

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## Mart fights deadline to draft treaty

BRUSSELS (Reuter). — Frantic efforts are being made here to finish drafting the historic treaty in time for the Common Market due to be signed by Britain, Ireland, Denmark and Norway on Saturday. Translators and legal experts will be working almost non-stop during this week to put compromise agreements down in black and white. E.E.C. officials are confident that the treaty will be ready well before the leaders of the four countries meet in Brussels' newly renovated Palais de Beffroi.

Both Britain and Ireland have scheduled brief sessions with E.E.C. negotiators early this week to tie up the few remaining loose ends. But, after 18 months of negotiations the bulk of the bargaining is over.

It ended with a rush early on Saturday when Norway became the last of the four candidates to assure itself of a place at the signing table. Denmark completed its negotiations on Friday night, and Ireland on Friday afternoon.

Their main task now is to organise and hold referendums and, like Britain, get the treaty ratified by their Parliaments.

Last-minute hitches prolonged the weeks talks. The six and the four candidates struggled slowly through a mass of highly complicated technical bargaining ranging from the size of pig meat cuts to subsidies for Irish seed growers.

Only after a midnight breakthrough in the most difficult part of Norway's negotiations, her vital fisheries' rights, was the future shape of the Common Market certain.

After five days of deadlock, there were fears that if Norway did not join the E.E.C., Denmark might also decide against it.

The Norwegian settlement was given a champagne welcome at an airport reception on Saturday, and M. Jean Dondelinger of Luxembourg, head of the E.E.C. delegation, said: "We will be ten at the signing table next week. Speculating that only nine or even eight would be present has been relegated to the realm of fiction."

## Eilat doubling hotel rooms available, but is it enough?

By SHELA MELTZER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

EILAT'S northern seashore is a scene of frenzied activity these days with labourers working overtime on Saturdays and by floodlight in the rush to complete the six new hotels under construction by March, 1978, the beginning of Israel's 25th Anniversary celebrations.

The fact that most of the activity is centred in the "Venetian" lagoon, is a vindication of the Government's decision in 1963 to establish the Eilat Foreshore Development Company, which under the management of Mr. Dov Nishri, has been the target of bitter criticism during the past few years.

The purpose of the company, whose partners are the Government, the Tourism Ministry and the Municipality (which was originally given an ineffective five per cent of the shares but was recently granted a full third) was, as its name implies, to develop Eilat as a tourist resort. A large part of the 12-mile shoreline between Jordan and Egypt was already taken up by the naval, commercial and oil ports, which separated the northern beach from the southern Coral Beach area. The company's first step was therefore to cut a canal inland from the sea to provide a waterfront hotel area. The plans were drawn up by Prof. Piccinato of Italy (hence the nickname). The first stage of the project — the northern beach promenade, and one of three canals and two lagoons — in which some IL8 million was invested, was completed and officially inaugurated on April 14, 1967. Nobody could have predicted on that day that within two months Eilat would be giving access to some 200 kilometres of magnificent beaches.

### 12-month season

During the following three years Israel's tourism boomed and Eilat found itself with a 12-month season, instead of being merely a winter resort and a summer's last resort for those who couldn't find rooms in the rest of the country. Three four-star hotels, the Neqtime, the

Red Rock, and the new wing of the Solomon Hotel, which had been started before the Six Day War were eventually completed; the Eilat Hotel started on its new luxury wing, soon to be brought into use; and a 32-room "B" class hotel, the Supair opened. But meanwhile investors pouring into the country with money to put into new hotels, visited Eilat — and decided on Jerusalem.

In 1970, however, the 14 hotels in Eilat totalled 400,000 bednights and created an international record with an average occupancy rate of 83 per cent; and with the Government announcement of a 10 per cent bonus for all hotels completed in time for the 25th Anniversary celebrations, the rush was on.

### All price ranges

The 800 rooms at present under construction, which will double the number of hotel rooms in Eilat within the next 18 months, are divided among two-, three-, and four-star hotels. For the price-conscious "popular" tourists, the Blue Sky Caravan Motel is adding another 60 rooms to its present 31; the Caravan Resort Motel is putting up 80 rooms, each with a little kitchenette, and a central mini-market; and two small two-star hotels will together add another 100 rooms. The other hotels, which will add more than another 600 rooms, are all in the 3-4 star luxury class. Of these, the Ganei Shulamit, the St. Tropes and the Caesar are rising rapidly. Still on the drawing boards are even more luxury hotels, including a five-star Sheraton destined for the northern shore of the lagoon.

According to both Mr. Sha'ari and Mr. Nishri, the policy of the Eilat Foreshore Development Company is to divide the area into one-third holiday-village style camps on the lines of the Club Med/Mediterranean in Ashdod; one-third "B" class hotels; and one-third luxury hotels. But the holiday villages for which Mr. Nishri says there are at least ten seriously interested investors, are still in the negotiating stage and are destined for the sandy beaches of Wadi Tabah, some 10 kilometres

south of Eilat, while the area designated for "B" class hotels is at the northern side of the lagoon — about 600 metres from the beach — and here there do not appear to be so many takers. The majority of rooms at present under construction or in the planning stage are in the expensive-to-luxury class which, with a bonus of IL3,000 offered by the Government for every room ready for occupation by 1978, is understandable on the part of the investors but does not point to well thought out long-term planning in an age when mass tourism is becoming increasingly the province of the young, the pilgrim and the curative charter company.

Established hoteliers in Eilat, who know the years before the boom, are wondering whether there will be a sufficiently sustained flow of tourists to fill all the beds that will become available within the next few years, as well as their own. They are bitter about the fact that most of the investors in the new projects have never even been in the hotel trade, and are nevertheless enjoying the possibilities of grants and bonuses that were not available in earlier, harder days. A more immediate problem confronting the new hotels will be that of staff. Within 18 months to two years at least, a thousand trained staff will have to be found, and at the moment there is an acute shortage not only in Eilat but throughout the country. And if the workers want to come, where are they going to live?

### Full-fledged resort

In any event, with the skeletons of the new hotels rapidly filling out, Eilat is starting to stride along the path which will lead to her becoming a full-fledged tourist resort. Eilat is adding another 60 rooms to its present 31; the Caravan Resort Motel is putting up 80 rooms, each with a little kitchenette, and a central mini-market; and two small two-star hotels will together add another 100 rooms. The other hotels, which will add more than another 600 rooms, are all in the 3-4 star luxury class. Of these, the Ganei Shulamit, the St. Tropes and the Caesar are rising rapidly. Still on the drawing boards are even more luxury hotels, including a five-star Sheraton destined for the northern shore of the lagoon.

## Bigger diamond plants prove more profitable

By JOSEPH VOET  
Special to the Jerusalem Post

FOLLOWING the interesting study by two young Israeli economists, Yair Keusch and Uri Pat-El, of the labour relations in the Israeli diamond industry, another Israeli economist, Michael Szenberg, at present Assistant Professor of Economics at Long Island University, has published a revealing paper about structural problems in our most important export industry. This discusses the optimum plant size in the diamond industry as well as the desirability of the subcontracting system, widespread in Israel.

The size of Israeli diamond plants, in terms of numbers employed, varies considerably. In 1965, there were about 400 diamond enterprises. Of these, 82 employed one to four workers; 98, four to ten; 90, 10-19; 40, 20-29; 45, 30-49; and 37 plants, 50-99 workers. Only four plants employed more than 100 workers. Prof. Szenberg found that the optimum plant size is that employing 50 to 99 workers. His conclusions from the available statistics were that during a 13-year period, the relative importance of the plant employing 50-99 workers increased substantially, whereas the importance of factories with fewer workers declined. This was so except for very small workshops, with up to four workers. These, however, account for only 2.4 per cent of the

industry's labour force. Data for 1968 showed that the biggest plants, of 100 workers and more, were expanding even more rapidly.

This conclusion is confirmed by Prof. Szenberg's analysis of labour productivity and the size of the establishment. He also shows that the larger and therefore more efficient firms tend to pay higher wages per worker. The greatest opportunity for economic results from specialisation exists in the polishing operation, which is subdivided into six stages. The bigger plant has obviously a definite advantage here. In addition, the chance of obtaining the much-coveted recognition by the Diamond Trading Co., which controls about 80 per cent of the world output, and thus of ensuring a steady supply of well-sorted rough diamonds, is better for a large plant.

The second part of the study is an evaluation of the much-discussed subcontracting system, whereby a small outside plant produces all or part of a product that could be produced in the prime contractor's own factory.

This subcontracting has been subject to searching investigations in the past. A number of government committees blurted that subcontracting undermines the industry and that subcontractors, forced

to sell at any price the gems they process on their own account, are responsible for narrowing the profit margin of the industry.

Statistics on the subject were lacking, however, so Dr. Szenberg decided to unearth all the arguments pro and con through a very detailed questionnaire. On examining the answers, he came to the following conclusions:

1. Subcontracting is playing an increasing role at all times and not only during periods of peak demand.

2. Experience suggests that it should be accepted as a desirable segment of the diamond industry, permitting a constructive division of labour between prime and subcontractors.

3. Subcontracting is particularly important with regard to flexibility, employment relations, cost and quality.

4. Evidence suggests that subcontracting has played an important role in the industry's expansion and in widening the range of both its products and its markets.

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## Hotel here takes 3 years to build

By YAACOV ARDON  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TOY FOR GIANTS? The white-coated figures shown here are not working on a giant-size child's toy. They are scientists, assembling an 11-meter-high glass tower at the University of Berlin's Institute for Technical Chemistry. The tower is designed for research on gas-liquid reactions in the production of insecticides.

Mr. Kol said that about 20 tourism investment projects had been submitted at the Economic Conference nearly two years ago. Because of the lack of response the Ministry had decided to offer an extra 10 per cent to the amount it was prepared to lend to hotel builders. Mr. Kol warned that "natural assets and Tourism Ministry efforts would not by themselves give Eilat its rightful place on the tourist map. Tourists don't come to Israel just because there are hotels and the borders are quiet," he said. Haifa — the Municipality, economic enterprises, and all those with a direct stake in tourism — must make much greater efforts just as tourist towns in Europe and the U.S. did. "I have in mind large city budgets for tourism development, better signs and street lighting, more entertainment facilities, events that will attract people. "I have in mind also the development of existing facilities, a new start in cafes, restaurants and night clubs. There should be shopping centres at which tourists can buy late at night, and international publicity campaigns to attract tourists to Haifa. Whoever comes to us with concrete programmes and does not expect the Ministry to bear all the costs, can count on our help."

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at the Cafeteria, Rehov Liberia, Danya.
We are calling this meeting in connection with intended
severe changes proposed by the town planning authorities.
THE COMMITTEE

YESTERDAY'S PRESS:

Lebanese raids

Hatzofe (National Religious) writing
on last week's punitive incursions
into Lebanon, says the action by
the Israel Defense Forces was ne-
cessary to discourage the terrorists
from indulging in terrorist activity.
Whether the raids have had the
necessary impact on Beirut will be-
come clear shortly, when it emerges
whether the terrorists will indeed
cease their hostile activity.

Davar (Histadrut), referring to
Friday night's power-cut which
plunged almost the whole country
into darkness, writes, "The fact
that the black-out occurred not at a
peak period but on the Sabbath
even when industry is at a stand-
still, gives cause for concern. The
breakdown cannot be attributed to
excess demand, and the electricity
company would do well to get to
the bottom of the matter."

Al Hanihshar (Mapam) deals
with the issue of wages and the cost
of living, expressing the fear that
the planned wage increase will be
absorbed by price increases and
new taxes. The paper calls on the
Histadrut, "Not to renew the agree-
ment with the employers except on
the express condition that any
change in prices or taxes will make
a revision of wages obligatory."

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# Attempt today to approve Sapir's IL16,500m. budget

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The Cabinet meets this morning for the second time this week, to try to approve a state budget for 1972/73, which Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir is doing his best to hold at IL16,500m. Whether Mr. Sapir can do this depends on his reaching agreement — within the Cabinet or outside — with the Ministers of Education and Interior, who still demand more than he is prepared to give.

The gap has reportedly been narrowed from IL300m. to IL150m. as far as the Education Ministry is concerned. Education Minister Yigal Alon has let it be known that he will not back any budget which would not get the extra IL100m. It is asking for, municipalities will have to raise their rates very steeply. The Interior Ministry will probably get only IL50m.

The Finance Minister managed earlier to reduce the demands of the various ministries by some IL2,000m. He told the Cabinet that his IL16,500m. target envisaged the maximum built-in deficit which he was willing to put up with.

Mr. Sapir still hopes to be able to table the Budget Bill in the Knesset on February 23 — some seven weeks later than originally planned. The five-week gap between today's intended Cabinet approval, and tabling in the Knesset, is the period required to get the state budget worked out to the last detail, and printed in several large volumes.

**TWO-HOUR LECTURE**  
The Finance Minister yesterday gave his colleagues a two-hour lecture on the budget and the national economy, in which he described the budget as an attempt to hold on to present achievements in most spheres, and expand operations in a few — such as welfare, education, social services and housing.

Mr. Sapir told his colleagues that all the commitments which the Government had promised, as far as housing was concerned, would be kept. Accordingly, housing "solutions" would be provided as planned, for various groups such as young couples and families living in sub-standard accommodation.

All the necessary services would be expanded to cope with the expected 65,000 immigrants — an operation in which the State organs and the Jewish Agency would share responsibility, he noted.

The Minister regaled the Cab-

net with a long list of statistics illustrating the progress made in the past decade and more, in services and development particularly. The impression left, from details of Mr. Sapir's lecture to the Cabinet as conveyed to reporters (without their being able to attend to a source), was that Mr. Sapir aimed to prove that so much had been achieved in recent years, that a partial "marking-time" this year would not do much harm.

In a practical vein, Mr. Sapir reported that the cuts in hitherto liberal expense-account spending, which had been tax deductible, would not be Treasury another IL70m. annually.

**MORE POLICY POINTS**  
Also on taxation policy, he made the following points:

• Income tax cuts be guided by the need to encourage people to work harder and produce more, in conformation with general wages policy.

• The Savings Loan would be abolished for employees, and the Defense Levy would be reduced from 15 per cent of income tax to only 10 per cent.

• Income tax for overtime would go down from 34.5 per cent to 27.5 per cent, and income tax for night shifts would go down from 28.75 per cent to 22 per cent.

• Income tax for measured norms would go down from 28.25 per cent to 20 per cent.

• The basic tax deduction for working mothers (which rose last year from IL200 to IL650 annually) would rise still further, with the key factor being the number of children.

The cuts in Savings Loan and Defense Loan will reportedly cost the Treasury some IL350m.

**David Krivine adds:**  
The IL16,500m. budget is in fact bigger than it looks. A good number of items of expenditures that could not be accommodated within this ceiling figure have been fitted elsewhere (e.g., IL350m. on defence at the expense of the following year's budget, and IL200m. on immigrant housing at the expense of a foreign exchange credit, to be mobilised by the Jewish Agency).

**POLITICAL VICTORY**  
But the achievement of Mr. Sapir's target — even allowing for the two ministries still unsettled, which would involve between them an extra IL250m. — is a political if not an economic victory for the Finance Minister. He did not cut the social services, whose outlay will go up

in real terms. Other departments will spend more than this year in money terms, but less in real terms (owing to the price increase). The development budget will not go up at all, even in money terms, and the allocation for defence will actually be smaller.

The biggest expenditure increase is in debt service (interest, and capital repayments) — up by close to IL1,500m. This is an important contributory item to the squeeze on other budget items.

Government officials state cautiously that the budget, while falling to be deflationary, will reduce current inflationary pressures. The means of payment have been mounting at an excessive pace during the latter part of 1971, due to a spate of conversions into Israel pounds after the August devaluation. This activity may spend itself, which would help to leash the growth in demand.

Economic plans for 1972 predict an increase in the gross national product of seven-eight per cent (as in 1971), and a 15-20 per cent rise in exports. The trade gap will remain \$1,400m., as last year.

## Histadrut OKs national wage policy demands

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut Executive yesterday approved without opposition the already-well-publicized outline of the demands the federation is to present to the employers in the forthcoming negotiations for national wage contracts for the years 1972 and 1973.

The salient features of this policy are the request for a six per cent wage rise, distributed over two years, and the insistence on a minimum wage of IL425 per month, also to be implemented in stages.

The Executive warned that if municipal or other tax jump, the Histadrut will be free to request a readjustment of the contracts. The machinery of price control should be "improved and strengthened," it said. Other resolutions mention the need for vocational training, encouragement of productivity, and insistence on full Cost-of-Living allowances to be paid once a year.

These resolutions were only adopted after practically all the factions of the Executive and its committees — which were all duly voted down by the Labour Party majority.

## Professionals to strike next week

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter  
Professional employees will hold a one-day strike on Tuesday week. A meeting last night with the Ministerial Wage Committee did not bring about any change in their position.

They claim a 17 per cent wage increase for all professionals (engineers, doctors, lawyers, etc.) inside and outside the public service. They claim that their wage differential (as compared with other wage-earning sectors) has narrowed by that amount since 1966.

Finance Minister Sapir made the point last night that the tax cuts planned for the coming fiscal year, being on a percentage basis, will help redress whatever disparity exists. At his suggestion, the Ministerial committee will hold another meeting with the professionals, this time with the participation of the Histadrut.

## Still no leads in search for Jennifer Wiseman

The police spokesman said yesterday there were still no leads in the search for Jennifer Wiseman, the 22-year-old British volunteer missing for the past three months. The spokesman said there had been many tips following the publication of Miss Wiseman's picture in newspapers and on television but no substantive information. He said the search is continuing.

The missing girl's parents are due in Israel the beginning of next month.

**TWO COURSES** "Food and Applied Nutrition" and "Pre-School Education" — opened yesterday at the M.C. Carmel International Training Centre for Community Services in Haifa.



Uzi Geller

## Uzi Geller new national chess champ

By ELIAHU SHARAF  
Jerusalem Post Chess Correspondent  
TEL AVIV. — Uzi Geller, of Givat Ha'im, yesterday became new national chess champion, the first kibbutznik to hold the title. Shimon Kagan, last year's champion, lost the final-round game to Emanuel Gut after almost 12 hours of play. It was Kagan's only defeat in the 1971/72 Men's Single Chess Championships.

Here are the final standings: Geller, 9½ points; Shimon Kagan, Shmuel Friedman, Avner Mart and Avraham Kaldor, nine points each; Ya'acov Bleiman, 8½; Eliezer Agur and Doron Moritz, seven; Avital Buch, Emanuel Gut and Arye Lev, 6½; Avner Bar-Nir, six; Elud Gross, 5½; and Ephraim Carmel, five.

In the Women's Championships, the winner was Irene Cohn, unbeaten with nine points from 11 games. Behind her were Lydia Gal, 8½ points; Ada Zakaria, seven; Frieda Teitelbaum and Miriam Bricker, 6½; (11-year-old) Orli Kofman and Miriam Haimovitch, 5½; Esther Samosh, five; Talya Gid, 4½; Salya Yuster (who is 13) and Anna Frank (78 years old), three points each; and Naomi Peretz, two points.

The closing ceremony and presentation of awards were held last night at Beit Yed Lebanim here.

## Congressman accuses U.S.S.R. of murdering Jewish culture

TEL AVIV. — An American Congressman yesterday accused the Soviet Government of "murdering Jewish culture."

Representative Alphonzo Bell (Republican, California) told the press in his room at the Sheraton Hotel here that a Jew cannot maintain his cultural and religious heritage in the Soviet Union.

Mr. Bell, member of a House Subcommittee on Education, and seven other members of the House of Representatives recently visited the Soviet Union. He described as "baseless charges" hurled by Soviet authorities against Representative James Scheuer of New York, that he was encouraging Soviet Jews to leave the country. He said that both he and Mr. Scheuer had met Jews in various places in the Soviet Union, and all of these persons were eager to emigrate to Israel.

In reply to a question, Representative Bell said that, according to his estimate and those of about 30 Jewish families he had met in the Soviet Union, between 200,000 and 400,000 Jews there want to go to Israel. "I didn't meet any Jews who wanted to emigrate to the U.S.," he said.

## 'Mr. X' to be heard before opening of Rishon bank robbery trial

TEL AVIV. — The Tel Aviv District Court will on Friday hear testimony of a man described as a state's witness, even before the formal opening of the trial of five men charged with the armed robbery of Bank Leumi's main branch in Rishon LeZion last December 11. All of the IL262,000 stolen in the

robbery was recovered on December 18 in a shack in an orange grove near Rehovot.

The court's decision came after the prosecution explained that the witness and his family have been threatened and their lives are in danger.

The District Attorney's Office, Central District, meanwhile, has added another name to its list of witnesses — a man the office says took the money and weapons from the robbers after the crime. He was identified as Malach Rotshass.

The third floor of the District Court building was jammed with hundreds of curious spectators yesterday, as Judge Yitzhak Eliezer, Haim Dvora and Shmuel Kwart heard arguments by defence attorneys and prosecution lawyers, in preparation for the trial. The five suspects are Nissim Levi, 22; Rahamin Harush, 25; Uri Mizrahi, 22; Elad Kad, 26; and Ben-Eur David, 23.

**LOVE** — Fifteen-year-old Angelo Cardone, of Palermo, Sicily, broken-hearted when his 13-year-old girlfriend refused to marry him, yesterday poured petrol over himself and set it alight. But a relative put out the flames and saved his life.

## Exchange of terrorists for Syrian Jews proposed

By MARK SEGAL  
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — The Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee is likely to discuss a proposal to exchange terrorists held in Israel prisons for Syrian Jews.

This follows a symposium at Beit Lessin here devoted to rescuing Jews in distress.

The proposer was Mr. Dov Barnea of Tel Aviv, who felt that this was a realistic bargaining point which the Arabs would accept. It was immediately supported by Dr. Binjamin Halevi, Gahal member of the Knesset Committee. He said he would table the motion at the next Committee meeting.

The participants included the chairman of the Committee for Jews in Arab Lands, Justice Haim Cohn; Dr. Halevi who is on the presidium of the Council for Soviet Jewry; and the secretary of the World Federation of Sephardi Com-

munities, Mr. David Sizon. Another proposal raised was that the torturers of Syrian Jewry be informed in no uncertain terms that they will be held responsible for their crimes and brought to trial in Israel, "like Eichmann."

## Jewish students chain themselves to Syrian office

PARIS (AP). — Six Jewish students chained themselves to the door of the Syrian Airline's office here yesterday to protest against the treatment of Jews in Syria.

Other students pasted anti-Syrian tracts and posters on the airline's windows. Police broke up the demonstration, organized by the "Front of Jewish Students," and held 10 of the demonstrators for questioning.

## Wanted terrorist, Gaza man killed

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
GAZA. — An army patrol yesterday shot and killed a wanted terrorist and a Gaza man in an orange grove north of here. The terrorist, Tewfik Shukri, 20, a member of the Palestine Liberation Forces, had been sought for over a year in connection with numerous grenade attacks on Israel vehicles.

The Gaza resident, who operated the water pump in the orange grove, had apparently hid in the pump house with Shukri when the patrol approached. The man, whose name was not released, tried to run away and was killed when he failed to heed the soldiers' challenge.

The patrol found weapons on the dead terrorist. There were no Israel casualties.

## Border Police mark first year in Gaza Strip

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
GAZA. — The Israel Border Police yesterday observed the first anniversary of its presence in the Gaza Strip with the dedication of a club-room and a Shekem canteen in its four-building compound overlooking the seashore here.

The multi-storey building served as a casino for the Egyptian army prior to the Six Day War.

Present at the ceremony was the Commander of the Border Police, Nitzav Shimon Eshed, and Mrs. Ruth Dayan, who helped raise the money for the projects from South American donors. The donors, Mr. and Mrs. Yosef Moshkovitz, of Argentina, were also present, together with a group of Latin American delegates to the Zionist Congress.

Nitzav told reporters that since the Border Police took up its responsibilities in the Gaza Strip, scores of terrorists have been killed or captured. However, not a single border policeman lost his life in these actions. This was largely due to their professional proficiency, he said.

## 60 'white-framed' vehicles seized

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter  
Sixty cars have been seized in the last two months in connection with tax evasion. Though ordered by immigrants, and therefore exempt from most of the import duties, they were found to be in the hands of local residents who are not entitled to these benefits.

Also discovered was systematic tax evasion over the import of tinned meat to Judea and Samaria. It appears that false declarations were made to Haifa Customs about their contents. Tariff payments of IL200,000 were saved in this way by the recipients, it is estimated.

## Staggered blackouts continue

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Brief electrical blackouts occurred in various parts of the country yesterday morning and again in the evening. The Israel Electric Corporation spokesman, Mr. Yosef Friedlander, said that the demand for power exceeded the company's capacity to supply it, and several lines had to be shut off in turn, up and down the country, to reduce the load.

The spokesman said the shortage was a temporary one, pending completion of the overhaul of several generating units at Ashdod and Haifa.

The IEC's General Manager, Mr. Avraham Bloch, yesterday appointed an internal inquiry committee to examine the technical possibilities of preventing country-wide blackouts such as occurred on Friday night. The committee, headed by chief operations engineer Yusef Lev-Ere, is expected to have its recommendations ready in time for Thursday's scheduled meeting of the IEC Board of Directors.

The IEC spokesman added that the appointment of an inquiry committee was routine procedure after any technical "snag." Its main task was to recommend measures for speedily restoring supply after major breakdowns, short of the very costly one of keeping a large reserve capacity as a standby, which would remain completely idle between the rare occurrences of such emergencies.

## Two die in road accidents

ASHDOD. — A 27-year-old woman from Yezur, Shoebana Sahal, was killed before dawn yesterday when the car in which she was riding, crashed into a lorry parked on a dead-end street here. Three other persons in the car were injured, one seriously.

Seven-year-old Yaffa Biton of Ashkelon died in hospital here yesterday from injuries she suffered when she was run over by a tender the previous day. The driver has been detained for questioning.

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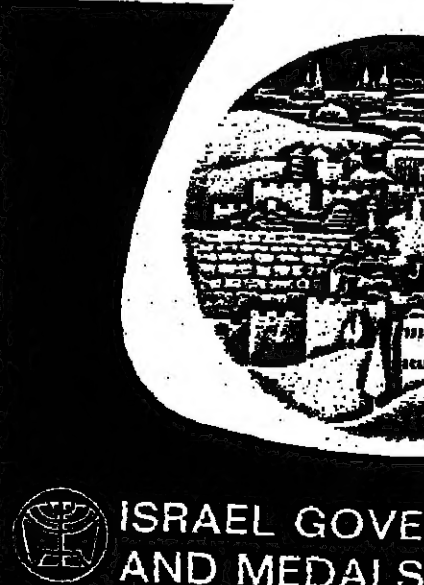
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### ARRIVALS

Dr. Max Nussbaum, Mr. Efraim May, past presidents of the Zionist Organization of America; and Mr. Yitzhak Kowitz, treasurer, with a U.S. delegation to the Zionist Congress.

Dr. Maurice Miller, M.P., at the head of the British Labour Zionist delegation to the Zionist Congress.

Mrs. Neri J. Bloomfield, newly-elected national president of the Zionist Organization of Canada, at the head of the Canadian Zionist Congress and the Zionists' Association.

Dr. Herwig Sroka, director of International Federation of German Jewish Students, from Berlin, as guest of the textile branch of the Manufacturers Association.

### DEPARTURES

Mr. Ruchan Isak, Turkish Minister of Labour, after attending the All-Union Conference on Trade and Industrial Relations.

Mr. Paul Zuckerman, General Manager of the United Jewish Appeal, after visiting Jerusalem, secretary of the chairman, for the U.S.

### No more laundry on Ramat Gan balconies

RAMAT GAN. — Hanging laundry on your front balcony is now on can cost you IL500 in fines.

A municipal by-law banning the practice yesterday received final approval by the Interior Minister's went into effect immediately.

Mayor Israel Peled told The Jerusalem Post last night that the City will give residents a month's grace to give them a chance to become thoroughly familiar with the regulations. During the first phase the by-law will apply only to about 23 streets — including such main thoroughfares as Bialik, Herzl, Ben-Zur, Modin and Giv'at Yehuda, as well as some of the smaller streets in their vicinity. Gradually the regulations will be extended until the whole town is covered.

Mayor Peled says his administration was led to formulate the law the first of its kind in the Dan Region — because "displaying laundry in public is one of the worst offenses in this country. It is a shame someone did something to get it out. The washing lines often block the exteriors of perfectly new, modern houses appear like relics of slums."

Once the period of grace is over, municipal inspectors will start issuing summonses. Dr. Peled expects that by then he will be able to amend the by-law to make it automatic, dispensing with lengthy legal procedures.

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But the individual soldier needs rest after months of tiring, active service on the front lines. This rest he may enjoy at one of our six recreation camps along the shores of Israel.

In accordance with the L.D.F.'s need the SOLDIERS WELFARE COMMITTEE HAS DECIDED TO EXPAND THIS YEAR'S ACTIVITIES AND TO PROVIDE OVER 200,000 RECREATION DAYS TO SOLDIERS.

This requires a special financial effort: we need approximately IL2m. for this purpose.

THEREFORE WE APPLY TO YOU, EMPLOYER, TO JOIN US IN OUR CAMPAIGN, WHICH WE STARTED TWO YEARS AGO, AND TO CONTRIBUTE ONE DAY OF YOUR HOLIDAY TO THE SOLDIERS RECREATION FUND.

FOR ONE DAY OF YOUR HOLIDAY WE CAN GIVE A DAY'S RECREATION TO FOUR SOLDIERS.

Workers' Councils are requested to support us in our effort to create a favourable attitude to the companies among the workers. The managers of enterprises and institutions are requested to transfer payment for these holidays to the Soldiers Welfare Committee, P.O. Box 2000, Tel Aviv.

Thanks,  
The Soldiers Welfare Committee

### Still no leads in search for Jennifer Wiseman

The police spokesman said yesterday there were still no leads in the search for Jennifer Wiseman, the 22-year-old British volunteer missing for the past three months. The spokesman said there had been many tips following the publication of Miss Wiseman's picture in newspapers and on television but no substantive information. He said the search is continuing.

The missing girl's parents are due in Israel the beginning of next month.

### TWO COURSES

"Food and Applied Nutrition" and "Pre-School Education" — opened yesterday at the M.C. Carmel International Training Centre for Community Services in Haifa.

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